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With the successful demonstration of the catapult for launching alrplanes, it is now practicable to equip with airplanes the major ships of the fleet. When carriers with arresting devices are available, the battleship airplanes will probably be launched from battleships by means of their catapults, will accomplish their mission, and will land on the decks of the airplane carriers available. Naturally, the airplane carriers will operate their own complement of airplanes.

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No further progress was made in the development of a solution to this problem until the British royal navy brought out their airplane carriers during the war. After much experimentation, they finally evolved a fairly good arresting gear, At the present time our Navy is conducting experiments to develop an arresting gear for the flying deck of the U. S. S. Langley. A revolving platform, in order to face windward, is being built on the flying field at the naval air station, Hampton roads, Va. On this platform are stretched, fore and aft, wires also in the fore and aft wires above the platform. These wires to sag is prevented by supporting them at intervals with collapsible boards or fiddle bridges. In operation the airplane lands on the fiving field and rolls up over the first ramp. It then drops down poon the wires to sag is preve

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